Being Evil, Wherefore I Abhor Myself…

"If ye then, BEING EVIL, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (**Matthew 7:11**)

[Paul writes] *"I was alive without the law once, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died;"* died under the law, mark you! And afterwards, he says, *"O wretched* [o miserable] *man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"* It is the man who has learned something of the *responsibilities* of JESUS, who knows what his own *accountabilities* are. Any of you who are alienated from CHRIST, who are not sheltering under the shadow of His wings (if there be any such amongst you) you have never given a serious thought to your *accountability* before GOD; nor can you know the weight of *responsibility* that rests on an unsheltered sinner, until you have learned to see the amazing *sacrifice* which was made for his redemption.

Job says that he abhorred himself; *"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."* This is a very different religion from that which is abroad in the world, and which would teach men to be very well pleased with themselves. I find persons looking into the mirror of their own graces, and their own evidences, and they seem very well pleased with themselves when they can work themselves up to a feeling of sorrow and of mourning for their sins and short-comings. The abhorring which is spoken of in [Job 42:5-6], is an abhorring of our own *righteousness*, and of our own *unrighteousness*; it is a self-loathing; it is *not* looking for a something in ourselves with which we are to be pleased, but it is putting it down as a settled matter, that *"in us, that is, in our flesh, there dwelleth no good thing"* and, therefore, there is no use in looking for it. It is fixing the eye on the Lord Jesus Christ, finding in Him the supply of all our wants, necessities, and responsibilities; in short, all that can satisfy the soul.

But Job says further, that *"he repented in dust and ashes."* We are sometimes asked, Why is not repentance very much preached? I will tell you, brethren, what is generally thought of repentance; a man is sorry for his sins, and then he is very well pleased with himself because he is sorry for them. Repentance in *the Book of God* means a change of mind. It is a turning of the man from a wrong course into a right one; it is an apprehension of God's character, and it is a downright turning to the Lord. If you will look at the last verse of the 7th chapter of Hosea, you will find that there is such a thing as a man turning away from his sins, but not turning to the Lord. I believe that there is a good deal of this abroad in the world. A man may be driven from his sins by various circumstances; sometimes his tastes will alter; but the prophet's complaint is, *"They return, but not to the Most High."* What does it matter if a man gives up his outward sins, if he does not turn to the Lord? Why, he becomes a more respectable member of society, but his soul will perish. If he does not know Christ, he is a reputable sinner—a moral criminal—instead of being a disreputable and an immoral one. Now, in Job's case, there was a repenting in dust and ashes; there was a conviction of the evil, and there was a downright turning to the Lord, and, brethren, these are the effects of a saving knowledge of Christ. — William Henry Krause

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"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

(Jude 1:24-25)

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Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!
Winna Groover, July 5th
Leisa Groover, July 11th

Resources

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

They Shall Be Filled

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." (**Matthew 5:6**)

Brethren, the Lord Himself must be the satisfying portion of the soul. I have no hesitation in saying, there is not a man in this congregation who is not yearning after something; there is not a man who is fully satisfied in his own soul. Do not tell me that you have great enjoyment. The Lord grant that you may all have it, if it is for your good! Do not tell me that your circumstances are prosperous and smooth. The Lord grant, if it is for your good, that you may have this also! I tell you there are times when a man is not satisfied; there is a craving for a something; there is a restlessness; there is such a thing as a time of sickness, a time of sorrow, a time of darkness, a time of *death*; and where are we to send the man at such a time? — where are we to send that man who is beginning to feel the infirmities of age — perhaps some little warnings that the body is beginning to fail, and that it may be that the second or the third attack may hurry him hence, and that these attacks may be fast and oft repeated, and who has moreover heard, from time to time, that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God? What are we to do to satisfy the soul of such an one? Are we to send him to his own doings and workings? No; we would rather point him to the Word which says, *"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."* We would tell him that *"The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from ALL sin."* Such is the satisfying nature of the blessings which the Gospel reveals. It proclaims the *full* and *free* forgiveness of ALL our sins. Again, does the soul want righteousness; what does the Word tell us of that righteousness in which the believer stands? *"Ye are complete in Him."* You ask whether there is preservation for you from your spiritual adversaries in your journey through the world. The Lord Himself has said that none shall pluck His people out of His hands. He has said, *"My sheep shall never perish."*

…Perhaps there may be many in this congregation who are living to pleasure; there are those whom Scripture points out to us as saying, *"Our lips are our own, who is Lord over us?"* God is the Lord over you, whoever you are. He can do what He pleases …But it is not our business, brethren, to hold out to you the threats and the judgments of God. We tell you what blessings God bestows upon the sinner; and if God the Spirit touch your hearts, and if you really feel desirous to become partakers of these blessings, what a precious token you have that God the Holy Ghost has begun the good work in your soul. A man will never crave these blessings till God touches his heart; and then, when the soul does thus yearn after them, it is our great dignity, privilege, and comfort, as ministers of the Gospel, to tell the poor sinner that these things are freely given, without money and without price. — William Henry Krause